

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 922

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Gordon Petty of Carthage.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Gordon Petty of Carthage; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Petty was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Carthage only two years after the end of World War I, Gordon Petty spent his elementary and high school years roaming around town and serving the community in the Boy Scouts of America Troop 367; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school in 1938, Gordon Petty attended Cumberland University, where he studied math and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Gordon Petty served in the Navy aboard a submarine in the Pacific; he then used his savings and the benefits of the GI Bill to fund his medical school education at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, having deep family roots in Smith County, Dr. Petty remained dedicated to the Carthage community throughout his lifetime; in honor and recognition of this, he received the Middle Tennessee Council 2018 Good Scout Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Petty was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his sons, Dr. David G. Petty, Jr., and Sam Petty; brother, Joe Petty; grandchildren, Don Petty, Sarah Sims, Matt Petty, and Lindsey Petty Dixon; and great-grandchildren, Anna Patman Petty, Micah Patman Petty, Hallie Sims, Ella Dixon, and Wyatt Dixon; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sue Maggart Petty; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gordon Petty leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Gordon Petty, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Petty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.